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For: POLYMER-BASED ORTHOPEDIC SCREW
AND DRIVER SYSTEM WITH INCREASED
INSERTION TORQUE TOLERANCE AND
ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR MAKING AND
USING SAME

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to a final Office Action mailed October 16, 2003, the time period for response having been extended by one (1) month to and including February 16, 2004, by the accompanying Extension Petition, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments for entry in the above-identified patent application. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted contemporaneously with the present Amendment. The present Amendment and RCE are timely filed on February 17, 2004, because February 16, 2004, is a Federal holiday on which the United States Patent and Trademark Office is closed

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this Amendment.

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